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Court to Publicize Cases

By Jeffrey Soloff

The Student Court, in an attempt to publicize its activities, will publish its cases in the form of briefs. These will be distributed to the student body.

Headed by Chief Justice Jeffrey Carp, the tribunal also consists of two appointed justices, Bradley Bartel and Leon Bernhardt.

Guards Hand Out Summonses

Since November, guards have been authorized to hand out summonses for smoking in school, loitering, rowdiness in the cafeteria and hallways, and failure to appear at a trial. Class conduct, however, is a matter strictly reserved for the teachers or Guidance Department.

Once served, the summons compels the defendant to appear before the court and be confronted by the charge. The guard who issued the complaint and all the witnesses involved are also in attendance and each has the opportunity to present his case.

Justices Hand Down Decision

If the student is found guilty, punitive measures are assigned according to the point system. Infractions are penalized by one or two points. When an individual has accumulated five points he is referred to his guidance counselor.

If the verdict is Not Guilty, the case is immediately dismissed and not entered upon the student's record.

Mr. Richard Miner, G.O. advisor, will sit in on the trials, which will usually take place during the third period or the long official period on assembly days.

New Courses

By Judy Altman

In addition to the varied courses offered presently, three new subjects will be initiated next term. They are: Modern Math, Plastics, and Home Mechanics.

The Modern Math course, taught by Mr. Albert Marks, will include logic problems and matrix algebra. The only prerequisite is the completion of trigonometry. Although this is a college course, college credit will not be given.

The Plastics course will provide students with a basic understanding of the chemistry of plastics and will enable students to work with different types of plastics in the areas of engraving, fabrication of sheet plastics and possibly molding. The course, open to girls and boys, will be taught by Mr. Frank Presti.

A Home Mechanics course to be taught by Mr. Benjamin Gold, Chairman of the Industrial Arts Department, is also being offered. This course, open to girls only, will discuss simple repairs in the home such as replacing a wire in an iron or fixing a window shade. Woodworking will also be part of the curriculum. Both the Plastics and Home Mechanics courses are acceptable substitutes for required shop courses.

Mr. Driscoll Gets New Post; Mrs. Silver Joins Board

Position Temporary

By Charles Rappaport

Mrs. Ida O. Silver, former Administrative Assistant in charge of Guidance temporarily left. Wingate on December 4 to assume the role of Acting Supervisor of Guidance of the Bureau of Educational and Vocational Guidance of New York.

The chief purpose of Mrs. Silver's group will be to evaluate the functions of the full-time guidance counselors in the city's high schools. Mrs. Silver will talk directly with guidance representatives from each of the city's senior highs. The group will be looking for new ways to improve the guidance system. Mrs. Silver is expected to return in September.

Guidance Pioneer

Mrs. Silver, who is also President of the New York City Association of High School Guidance Personnel, has been instrumental in improving guidance techniques in the last decade. Because of her efforts, Wingate was one of the first schools to have individual guidance counselors, as opposed to grade advisors.

Mrs. Silver came to Wingate

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Mr. Paul Driscoll

Mrs. Ida Silver

Mr. Nathan Glass

Glass Named Adm. A'sst.

Mr. Nathan Glass, former English teacher and guidance counselor, succeeded Mrs. Ida Silver as Administrative Assistant in charge of Guidance on December 7. He was chosen for the job on the basis of seniority, he indicated.

Mr. Glass will have many other responsibilities in addition to coordinator of all guidance counselors. He will play a major role in all future policy making decisions. Still not fully aware of everything the job entails, Mr. Glass said that being an administrator is "like playing a game of blind man's bluff; always whirling in different directions."

Improved Teacher Aide System

Mr. Glass hopes to introduce many new programs. He intends primarily to improve vastly the teacher aide system. He has already met with Mr. Martin Goldberg, Chairman of the Program Committee, and they have decided on new ways to speed programming, as well.

Students who now have Mr. Glass as guidance counselor will remain with him until the start of the spring term, while Mrs. Phyllis Tublin will assume some of his former guidance duties.

Principal At Tottenville

By Sandra Werner and Linda Eisenberg

Mr. Paul Driscoll, Principal of George W. Wingate High School since September 1962, will relinquish this position as of February 1, 1965. He will become principal of Tottenville High School in Staten Island.

A primary reason for Mr. Driscoll's departure is his interest in Tottenville High School. In the past he has served as its G.O. advisor, a guidance counselor and Chairman of the Social Studies Department. Also important is the time saved in transportation, since Mr. Driscoll resides in Staten Island. His successor has not been named.

Coordinates Drop-out Program

While at Wingate, Mr. Driscoll has served as the overall coordinator of all city dropout programs. He has been largely responsible for the School To Employment Program at Wingate. STEP is part of a city-wide project designed to help students who are potential dropouts.

Under Mr. Driscoll's leadership the Higher Horizons program, designed to help students who have potential but are under-achievers, was put into operation. He is an integral part of the school team, composed of guidance counselors and personnel, who keep the program operating.

Alphabetizes Official Classes

In order to promote more integrated classes, Mr. Driscoll has instituted the system of arranging official classes alphabetically. This has aided guidance counselors in locating their counselees.

School discipline was tightened and a Sing Constitution was written under Mr. Driscoll's authority. The former was done to prevent unauthorized persons from enter-

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Arista Notes

Arista members will now be required to work in the Program Office, February 1 or 2. Each person will make up programs for an entire official class. This was decided at the December 3 Arista meeting.

Students were also asked to volunteer to help promote better attendance, by forming a committee to write poems and posters urging students to attend school. There was no response, however, to this appeal.

New Arista members were welcomed, although formal induction will not take place until the Spring.

A skiing party was also planned at Van Cortlandt Park, during the Christmas vacation.

Tutoring is available for all students during lunch periods by registering in the Arista Office, CG03.

—M.L.

SING '64

Senior 'Politicians' Victorious

By Marilyn Friedman

Sing '64 was climaxed by the announcement of a Senior Victory Sunday, December 13. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors floated on stage Friday and Saturday nights, and Sunday afternoon, to the tune of hard work, competition and class satisfaction. The final score was Seniors — 336, Juniors — 315, and Sophomores—179.

Roger Cruz and Senior Chorus in *Gentlemen* Song and Dance

Senior Politicians Describe Corruption

Labor vs. Management was the senior theme, set up in a background of political corruption. Effective use of the stage chorus along with the support of the regular chorus, and Alma Hall and Roger Cruz, combined to form this winning show. A great favorite of the audience was a snappy dance to the tune of **The Brotherhood of Man.** Susan Herzberg, the director, coordinated with Sing Leaders Andrea Eiferman and Mark Sadoff, in unifying class spirit. Mr. Jay Goldstein advised the seniors with the support of Mr. Bernard Leif.

Immorality vs. Morality

Juniors showed a conflict between morality and immorality in a small town during the 1890's. Junior inebriates finally compromised with the Women's League headed by Prudence, (Janice Gilbert). Mr. Don Altman served as faculty advisor. Susan Dagawitz and Emily Frank were Sing leaders.

Sophomore Perfection

The Sophomores, revealed the tale of Pacific City, the underwater town of perfection. Arthur Fleisher, a sophomore lead, adlibbed to the Sunday audience, adding another highlight. Sophomore Sing leaders were Bonnie Greenberg and Robert Young. Mr. Jay Kaplan advised.

The Freshmen, aided by Sing and Chorus leaders, introduced each performance.

The Sing Journal was edited by Marilyn Friedman and Jeffrey Eisenstein. Profits from the Wingate Sing will go into the G.O. Budget.

Dance-Rally $uccess

By Theodore Bronsnick and Nancy Zuller

Despite rainy weather, Wingate's Sing Rally Dance held on Thanksgiving Eve November 25, was a huge success.

The dance showed a profit of $60. Although at first tickets sold slowly, by the night of the dance, more than 300 tickets at one dollar each had been sold. The highlights of the evening were naming the Sing mascot and presenting the guardianship of the Sing Trophy to Mr. Abraham Katz, Sing Supervisor. For the first time free refreshments, consisting of doughnuts and punch were served to the students.

Mascot Named

Joan Flamm, G.O. President, presented the Sing Trophy to Mr. Katz, who in turn will give it to the Sing victors. After Sing is concluded, it will be engraved and put in the trophy case in the main lobby. In years to come, the name of each winning class will be engraved on the trophy. The Sing mascot was named Gnis Tocsam (Sing Mascot spelled backwards) because this name received the largest applause. The prize, two free Sing tickets, went to Sheila Schaer, a senior, for

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'World' Opinion

Sex and the Single Student

Presently, boys at Wingate are required to take one term of Hygiene. Within this period of time, a large curriculum is supposed to be covered. Generally First Aid and Drivers' Education are discussed first. The class then proceeds to study Mental Health. Any time remaining is devoted to Social Attitudes. Within the realm of social attitudes comes Sex Education. It logically follows that the time devoted to sex education in these classes is minimal.

This is indeed a grave mistake in curriculum planning.

The rate of illegitimate births and venereal disease is shockingly high, and continuously on the rise. Dating patterns have changed and teen-agers are on their own more than ever before. Consequently, for many young people, the teen-age years will contain many problems involving sex.

Confusion Reigns

Many adolescents are truly confused. Often we are ignorant of the elementary physiological processes of sex or the dangers involved in promiscuous behavior, to say nothing of the normal outlook on sex so important to a good adjustment to life.

It is not easy for some parents to talk about sexual growth or processes with their children. Many have been handicapped by their own lack of detailed information and suitable terminology. On the other hand, many youngsters are embarrassed to pose questions to their parents. Thus, the attitude that sex is a phase of life that is not to be frankly accepted and realistically understood is present in many families. A study by Melvin J. Williams of 1501 high school students in Michigan showed that over one half of these students felt that the sex education they had received at home was inadequate. A similar study by Remmers and Shimberg of 15,000 students revealed that one fifth stated that their parents had avoided discussions on sex and about one seventh had a need for correct sex information.

With this problem in mind, adolescents turn to each other to settle doubts and are often seriously misled. Sex education should be obtained from qualified teachers who can skillfully correct these wrong ideas.

Attitude Important

In addition, it should be established that sex education is more than sex information. The questions go beyond physiology, anatomy, and reproduction. Sex education is different at each stage of development. "Facts of life" are facts at an early age, but feelings later on. A healthy attitude is as important as accurate facts and form an integral part of the personality structure.

The Girls' Health Education Department has recognized this problem and has successfully instituted in Hygiene 8 a "Family Relations" course where the girls discuss many of these important problems. It is about time that the Boys' Hygiene program expand so as to include this topic in detail.

Unfortunately, there is no protection in ignorance. Healthy, correct attitudes and ideas must be developed so as to insure personalities capable of handling the responsibilities and privileges of being an adult.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor of the **Wingate World**:

From its inception, Sing '64 has generally been in a state of chaos, marked by inter- and intra-class feuds. Numerous unrealistic deadlines were constantly broken. Rehearsals were scheduled without the consideration of other extracurricular-activity meetings, and during the last week, rehearsals went well into the night. Chorus leaders often learned songs the day they taught them to the chorus, and most were unable to read music.

Sing Commissioners, in most cases, were impotent and thus all disagreements naturally fell on adult advisors. The Sing Constitution was the biggest fiasco. Few saw the actual Constitution and nine-tenths of its rules were broken. All three grades were forced to rewrite songs constantly because of conflicts. At least five to ten students in each grade cut classes the last week of Sing to finish scenery and costumes.

Improvement of Sing might be initiated by the following:

1) The organization of boards consisting of the class president and two elected students to settle all disputes. 2) Selection of one chorus leader and one Sing leader from the writing committee. 3) Designation of the responsibility of each commissioner, whereupon faculty **advisors** would **advise** 4) The assignment of specific show tunes to each class to avoid repetition. 5) Revision of the Sing Constitution without deadlines and otherwise in explicit terms; and

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Our principal, **Mr. Paul Driscoll,** and **Toby Katz,** have both been presented with the Humanitarian Award by the Interfaith Movement, Inc., thanks to the efforts of the Human Relations Club, and Helen Reiss, its president.

On December 12, the former **Miss Rita Rabkin** of the Secretarial Studies Department, became the present Mrs. Buchner.

Our warmest congratulations to **Mr. Richard Miner,** G.O. Faculty Advisor. He and the former Miss Mary Ann Paterno, a mathematics teacher at Washington Irving High School, were married on December 18, 1964.

THEATRE, ANYONE?

Theatre-goers will be pleased to know that Mr. **David Jaffe's** Guidance Office (A 123) is also a clearing house for student discount tickets for many of the latest Broadway and Off-Broadway stage productions.

V.I.P.s

Wingate has a celebrity. **Stanley Cave,** 7-5, Student Patrol Commissioner, was the first person to board the first public bus to cross the Verrazano Bridge on the day of its opening, November 21, 1964. Stanley waited five and a half hours for the opportunity and was rewarded by appearing on a CBS news film that evening.

Mr. Samuel Brownstein, Biology Department Chairman and author of "College Bound," turned to broadcasting on December 1, when he discussed his book on W.E.V.D. radio.

Mrs. Shirley Benjamin is Wingate's most recent winner of a WMCA "Good Guy" sweat shirt. Her name, accompanied by 150 signatures, was submitted to the radio station by **Charlene Nason,** 3-12. Wingate's "Poil de Carotte" should look stunning in her bright yellow sweat shirt.

GOOD LUCK!

The Ford Foundation, in cooperation with the National Merit Foundation for Negro Students, has a list of the names of four Wingaters as nominees for scholarship competition.

Suneta Halliburton, Jolinda Hockaday, David Pogue, and **Debrah Scott** are our final nominees. The winners will be notified in April.

ALUMNI NEWS!

Stephen Klinger, '63, former **Wingate World** Editor is now Feature Editor on the Harpur College newspaper, The Colonial News.

Kenny Turan, '63, is in his second year as Sports Editor on the Swarthmore College newspaper, The Phoenix.

Carol Schindler, Elaine Cramer, and **Karen Eisenstadt,** all 1964 graduates, are presently cub reporters on the Brooklyn College newspaper, The Kingsman.

Bobby Reisenberg, '63, a former member of the Wingate Generals who won a basketball scholarship to Clark University, is now a member of their varsity basketball team.

Three former Wingaters, **Barnett Berent,** '60, **Judi Goldstein,** '63, and **Joseph Ross,** '64, appeared in or helped produce the Brooklyn College presentation of "Mistress of the Inn." Barnett was the male lead.

Principal's Farewell...

In every "good-bye" there is an element of sadness. This truth I recognize once again as I prepare to leave Wingate after far too short a stay. The wisdom of my going I cannot argue, for I am going to the post of principal in a school in my own community of Staten Island, in a school with which I have close ties from the past. But I can and do regret leaving Wingate, the scene of my first principalship and of many happy, exciting days. I shall carry a treasury of memories with me—of Wingate students, teachers, and parents who have filled my hours with their accomplishments, problems, and joys and who have contributed as much to my satisfactions during my term of office here.

I have learned another truth about "good-byes." They are seldom complete. One leaves a part of oneself at every station on the road of life. With Wingate will remain my continuing concern and interest. I know that for the future whatever prospers Wingate will gladden me and any misfortune of Wingaters will depress me. I will never be free of involvement with Wingate and I trust that in me Wingate shall have a steady friend.

As I move on to Tottenville High School, "the southernmost high school in New York State," I wish for Wingate and its students, its staff and its Parents' Association all of the best the future can hold. For all of you individually I hope you will attain all the success that you hope for yourselves and that Wingate will be a part of your success.

Paul Driscoll,
Principal

Adrift On A Hostile Sea

By Madeleine Lourie

There was a little anecdote recently printed in a magazine which tells of a conversation between a rebellious - youth - with - very-long - hair, and his mother. His mother, berating him about his unkempt locks, tells him that when his father was a boy, he completely broke away from his family's religious beliefs and became a true Rebel with a true cause to rebel. Upon hearing this, the son becomes very much upset, and disgustedly explains to his mother that because he agrees with his parents on all the significant issues of life, he is forced to manifest his natural rebellion in foolish and meaningless ways—hence the long hair.

But long hair is not the only evidence of the "rebellion" of youth; there are others much more articulate. In the past few years, adolescents have turned more to liquor and drugs as a way of ex-

pressing their dissatisfaction. These "trends," not always meaningless, have been called Youth's rebellion against the adult world: its way of becoming independent of the older and perhaps out-dated people who up until now have ruled its small life-kingdoms.

Situations, not Standards

But for some, this may be not so much a revolt against adult standards as against the situation in which these standards place them. Would it be disrespectful of age to say that some of today's youth has already divorced itself from the adult world, and that perhaps in this readiness to renounce all ties lies a basic problem? Would it be presuming too much intelligence on the part of some of the youth of today to say that they drink the way their parents do for precisely the same reasons that their parents do, and not just **because** their parents do? Aren't some adolescents capable of wanting to join in the same kind of social situation, and even escape into the same "euphoria" that their parents indulge?

It is very hard to stay adrift on a hostile sea without oars, even if one is floating by his own choice. Those few who achieve emotional and mental, if not physical, independence, cannot be accepted back into the adult world as personalities worthy of recognition, and so must live in a sub-strata of their own making. Because they are not given the respect of adults, isn't it possible that these "rebellious" acts are really a way of searching for some identity and identification? Aren't they signs of a culture built out of the need for self-respect?

Maturity at Any Age

If certain individuals attain certain maturity at an earlier age than most, must they be denied the rights of that maturity until the age that an almost alien society has arbitrarily designated as the right one? No one is asking that adolescents be accepted as the equals of their elders in knowledge and experience. Only that they be allowed to develop as individuals, and be accepted as such by the group they will one day replace.

Is it enough to say that we must wait for understanding and knowledge? What is to happen now, when we are in the midst of forming our future lives? Are we to be left believing that, as Matthew Arnold said,

> . . . the world, which seems
> to lie before us like a land of dreams, . . .
> Hath really neither joy, nor love, nor light,
> Nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain;
> And we are here as on a darkling plain
> Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight,
> Where ignorant armies clash by night.

On A Worldly Note

THE MAELSTROM

By Ellen Binder

The elevator has five buttons but there are only four floors—ground, one, two, three—or so I thought. It is only by this fifth button, T, that anyone is aware of the existence of the tunnel. And then by some lurch of fate called Sing, I stumbled into the forbidden realm—subterranean Wingate.

The Discovery

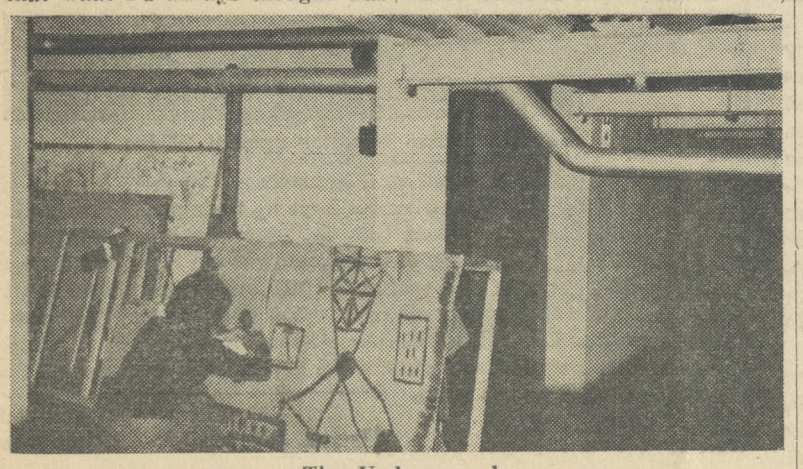
Quite by accident I discovered that what I'd always thought was a storage closet was really an entrance to the lower depths of the school. The heavy door swung open (without a creak) and I descended a flight of narrow blue stairs. Taking that first step through the door was like walking through a hazy curtain of musty, stifling air. The oppressive atmosphere was accentuated by imposing brown cartons leaning haphazardly on one another against the clammy circular walls. Hovering in an eerie blackness sat desks, cabinets, scenery, coat racks and dust from as far back as 1954. Their outlines became grotesque in the shadowy dimness.

Crouching low to avoid the intricately spun crisscross of insulated pipes and beams I maneuvered myself through the inky passages. One unlit byway travels the entire length of the circle building interrupted only by a desolate boiler room.

The pace was slow; the trek endless. It was almost as if the circle went round and round like the hands of a clock—without a stop, without a destination.

My voice penetrated the stodgy air as a bellowing echo. The syllables bounced from wall to wall, from pipe to pipe, from inlet to inlet.

And suddenly, not too far ahead was a beam of light. It grew in size as I hastened towards it. The odor of paint drifted towards me. This was the Senior Sing prop room.



The Underground

No School, No Future

By Laurel Binder

"You are doomed to mediocrity, and you cannot get out," if you don't finish school. On Thursday, December 10, Mr. Michael d'Amelio addressed these alarming words to a group of fifth term English classes. Mr. d'Amelio works in the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation Personnel Department. Also present were Mr. Marshall Greenstein, Administrative Assistant at Wingate; Mr. Bernard Deutchman, Chairman of the Secretarial Studies Department and Executive Assistant to Mr. Driscoll; and Mrs. Ethel Solovay, College Coordinator.

Importance of Education

Mr. d'Amelio's theme dealt with the importance of continuing one's education. Even though funds are not available to enable the obtainment of a college education, students with ability can get financial assistance. An education is needed as preparation for competition in the business world.

Towards the end of the talk the subject took on a lighter note. Mr. Deutchman asked about the status of teased hair styles on Madison Avenue. Mr. d'Amelio replied that he had encountered several girls applying for jobs who looked "dizzy" and dressed "outlandishly." He told these girls if they wanted a job they would have to mend their ways.

The Performing Arts At Wingate

By Anne Meth

Born in Rome, a citizen of Germany, and an inhabitant of the United States for six months of each year, Mr. Renzo Raiss is a dancer, choreographer, author, and linguist, too.

Mr. Raiss, now the artistic director of the American Festival Ballet, founded that company in 1957 because of the "unbelievable and fantastic opportunities that are available in this art." It is he who does much of the casting and choreography for each performance. A dancer himself, Mr. Raiss stays out of the spotlight because his other responsibilities leave him little extra time. What free time he does have, is used for writing articles on the ballet for magazines.

International Communication

Linguistics comes in very handy for Mr. Raiss. They enable him to communicate with all the members of the troupe, 30% of whom come from abroad. His group has performed in such cities as London, Vienna, Buenos Aires, and Tel Aviv as well as Miami, New York, and Philadelphia.

The American Festival Ballet consists of 24 men and women. Mr. Raiss is always looking for new talent that will improve the quality of his troupe in which he has much evident pride. "They must have backgrounds and prove their worth," Mr. Raiss energetically pointed out. The performance given by some members of the company Wednesday, December 9, in Wingate's auditorium proved that Mr. Raiss' pride is well placed. It was the efforts of Mrs. Estelle Rogers, the teacher of Modern Dance at Wingate, and the financial backing of the Harkness Foundation that made this assembly program possible.

Demonstrations by Mr. Raiss (wearing tie)

Varied Audiences

The permanent home of the troupe is both Boston, Massachusetts and Providence, Rhode Island but the group tours most of the time in order to vary its audience. As an example, Mr. Raiss noted that in Spain, where audiences are accustomed to speaking loudly, the dancer knows that he is successful when the audience is silent.

Presently, the company is rehearsing "Cinderella" which will open shortly and tour the United States for three weeks. Rehearsals will also be starting soon for a new ballet entitled "Petroushka, 1965" which will open in February.

Mr. Raiss and the American Festival Ballet have a very active and demanding schedule. Mr. Raiss describes his goal and that of his associates as wanting, "to advance without losing the heritage that ballet has, and must build upon."

Mrs. Silver

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as Dean of Girls when the school first opened in 1954. Before that she had served for 16 years as a biology teacher at Girls High. Always actively involved in school affairs, she is a past president of the New York City Association of Deans and Guidance Coordinators.

Mr. Driscoll

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ing the school. Mr. Driscoll is also responsible for the drive to improve student attendance.

In general, Mr. Driscoll has been impressed by the warm atmosphere created at Wingate. He believes the faculty and administration are of a high calibre and has been pleased with the way the student body has integrated itself.

Letters

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then ratification or rejection by the entire student body.

As a member of Sing I am one of its most eager supporters, but if it continues to be so disruptive I fear that there will be no Sing '65. —Susan Rabiner, 7-18

Dance - Rally

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suggesting that appellation.

The profits were originally to be given to CARE but a second idea was proposed which would place this money into G.O. funds to help lessen an anticipated deficit of $435. This was the first G.O.-sponsored dance in three years to make money. As a result the Recreation Committee is considering a Spring dance outside the school.

The **Conversations**, a four-man band, entertained at the Rally. The students danced everything from the monkey to the swim. Each class also gave a rendition of their Sing entrance song.

The Wingate track team operated the cloak room, charging 15c per person. The profits from this service will go toward team expenses. The dance was the first official G.O. act this term.

Review:

Wingate Sing

By Peggy Rauch

Well, it certainly was loud. And happy. And "great" is too tempting and safe an adjective.

The Freshmen (whose job it was to introduce the other classes) were as inarticulate and unemotional as ever. Their theme seemed to be embarrassment with a smile.

"Pacific City" was a typical Sophomore vehicle: an underwater metropolis, mechanical people, visitors from Earth, and a Hollywood ending. Walt Disney would have been proud. There was even a romance between a sweet young thing and a tough reporter.

Junior Sing Finale

Originality kept materializing in the guise of Arthur Fleisher. He portrayed a scientist in shining lab coat who realized his imperfections. His intrusions were usually welcome and witty. And there probably was a good reason for the existence of his mock turtle, Mathilda. Maybe she was symbolic?

The gimmicks were many, the dances irrelevant, and the songs inoffensive. Sophomore Sing was nothing more than a bland souffle.

The quality of the productions matured progressively. The Juniors' costumes, dances, and songs were colorful and vivacious. The plot: good vs. evil, saloon vs. salon, bar vs. ban in the Old West was far from inspired. "Little Chap," the misunderstood dupe, was used by the opposing forces of "Sadie" and "Prudence" Luther Johnson's rich, deep voice dignified the part. "Happiness Tonight!" was sung sparkingly by a spirited chorus!

Although the stale ending was never in doubt, Junior Sing was cohesive, bubbly, and pleasing.

Okay, Seniors, you win. Let me count the ways: clever script ("Those who oppose my plan please signify by saying 'aye . . . resign.'), sophisticated choreography, imaginative plot (Labor and Management), rousing songs, whimsical costumes, and Alma Hall.

Alma, as John L. Yank, was a delight. Her skillful mugging was nutty and unrestrained. She played "the little working man" manipulated by Big, Dirty Management personified, "H.T. Grimly." Yank's naivete leads him to politics, and his "loss of innocence" sends him down to earth, again.

The pace rarely slackened. The scene in Malvolio's Bar was not as tight as it should have been. The Yank-Grimly duet was slightly uncomfortable. Throughout the play, however, there was a cultivation of the ludicrous.

Thanks be to Seniors for ignoring tradition! Theirs was not a Happy Ending, it was a conditionally optimistic one. Ignorance and demagogism were shamed, and it was painless!

The tendency was to reach for the nearest Sing button and Grimly wail that Mr. Katz is not President.

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General-ly Speaking

By Jules Tygiel

In a recent poll, taken by the WORLD, the students of Wingate have overwhelmingly denounced the present system for basketball games. The results, representing a cross section of all classes, requested the sale of tickets at the gate rather than season passes, and favored night games to the current program of only day games. The idea of intramural sports, however, instead of interscholastic events, was defeated almost unanimously.

Bring Your Date

Probably the most significant result of the survey is the clamor for night games. Fifty-seven per cent were in favor of this idea. Not only do the students want the games at night, but many of the players themselves would prefer to play after dark. This would also enable alumni to return and see the games, and boys could bring their dates. However, Mr. Lee Krinsky, Chairman of the Health Education Department, says, "A controlled gate will make for a safe atmosphere among our own spectators. This eliminates undesirable outsiders."

A Welcome Innovation

Another welcome innnovation would be the gate sale of tickets. Only 8 per cent of the 350 students questioned had season passes. An alternative might be a choice between a season ticket or a sale at the game. Thirty-seven per cent of the students favored this. The remainder asked for individual tickets to each game. The main problem involved would be the price. Currently, it costs $3 for a season pass. Single games would have to demand from 50c to $1, or possibly as much as $10 per season.

The idea behind intramural events is to give more Wingaters an opportunity to participate, and therefore spur greater interest within the student body. However, only 6 per cent of the students favored this program.

In the light of the poor attendance at this year's basketball games, it would be an excellent idea for the Health Education Department to heed the cry of the students and alter its present policy.

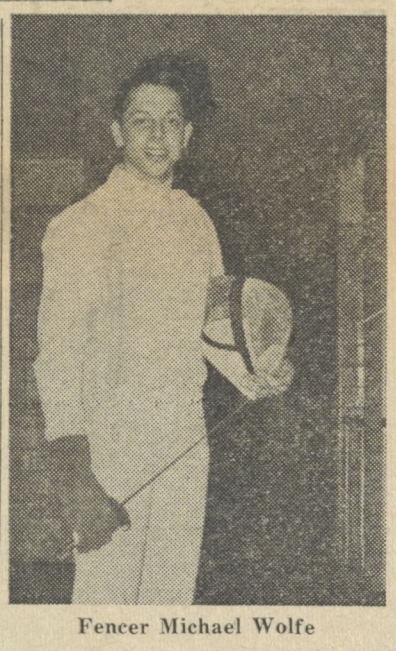
Athlete's "World"

By Gary Ellman and Mark Schachter

Wingate's fencing team appears to be the brightest star among the lesser noted sports in the school. With more than half the season gone, the fencers are at the head of their division, with an undefeated record of 5-0-1.

Coach Bernard Schwartz's fencers have topped Grady, Lincoln, Sheepshead Bay, New Utrecht, and Midwood. The tie was posted against Boys High, which shares the divisional lead.

Coach Schwartz places George Butcher's perfect record at the top of the list of factors that have produced success. He also praised Hilton Smack, Michael Wolfe, Arthur Hutson and Richard Rossi. The team has been winning despite the absence of Captain Greg Williams.



Fencer Michael Wolfe

Keglers Falter

Elsewhere on the sports scene, the bowling team, after impressive practice sessions has lived up to expectations. Six matches have been played and the squad has a record of 4-2, and lead their division.

Captain Anthony Giasi has been an outstanding bowler this year. He averages 180 a game and has bowled the highest two-game total of the season. His scores were 247 and 245. However, the team is hampered by "overbowling." This causes blisters on the players' thumbs. Marvin Cooper, who suffers from this, has been sidelined because of it. Six matches remain on the schedule, three of which are to be played at home. The last home game was December 2 against Midwood.

Swimming Team

The swimming team, hindered by lack of members, has finished fifth in the division, with a 1-5 record. The lone victory came against Alexander Hamilton. Coach Irving Wiedman states, "If boys come down and practice for the team, they can achieve success." With many sophomores returning next year, the chances of improve ment increase.

Backcourt Report

By Jeff Melish

The Suicide Division scramble for a playoff berth in the City Championship Tournament is under way once again.

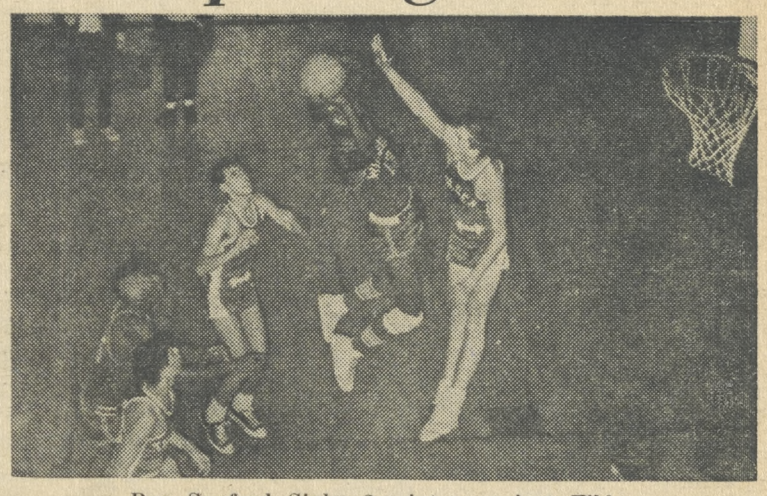
League play began on December 3, with Jefferson defeating Brooklyn Tech, 70-54. On December 4, Erasmus impressively overpowered last year's City Champs, Boys High, 96-85, while Wingate defeated a determined Tilden team, 44-36. Midwood drew a bye, but was trounced by Wingate 89-40 on December 8.

The league this year is very strong as usual. Erasmus appears to be the powerhouse and must be considered the team to beat. Boys, despite its opening game loss, is a very talented and experienced unit. They won't lose many games and will be aiming for their re-match with Erasmus. Jefferson, with good rebounding and a high scoring fast-break, will provide tough competition.

Tilden, Midwood and Brooklyn Tech will fight it out for 5th, 6th, and 7th places. Tilden, probably the best of the three, is a good shooting club as is Midwood. Tech has an improved team this year but will have trouble getting out of the cellar.

Making a prediction of the success that Wingate's basketball team will enjoy is a most difficult task. We are one of the top four in the division but several question marks exist. There is an overall lack of height and thus far not enough consistency. The team defense and rebounding must also improve. Certainly, our squad has the potential, but only time will tell.

Generals Victorious In Opening Battles



Ron Sanford Sinks 2-pointer against Tilden

By Jeffrey Eisenstein

Off to a racing start, the Generals kept up their pace by trouncing Midwood 89-40. Their 6-0 record thus far points to a possible photo-finish between Wingate, Jefferson, Boys, and Erasmus, for City Champs.

In the first game of the season, Lloyd Hunt came through with a fine display of outside shooting to lead the Crimson and White to a 58-47 victory over Lafayette. This game was also marked by the introduction of Sam Samuels, a fast moving junior who may prove to be the nucleus of next year's team.

A Close Call

With Captain Peterson Grovesnor as helmsman, and with the aid of a full court press, the Generals nosed out Far Rockaway 63-61. Though the team on the whole was clumsy, Pete managed to pull it through by scoring 21 points. Following this close call the hoopsters crushed John Jay in a one-sided 91-36 decision. Ronnie Sanford, the big 6'8" center, let everyone know that he was around by scoring 32 points in an excellent exhibition of offensive aggressiveness. Along with Jeff Melish and Lloyd Hunt, Ron has been supplying the bulk of our scoring.

The Generals played and outlasted Jamaica, 59-54. The game was characterized by unusually sporadic scoring throughout. Jamaica dominated the first and third quarters but Wingate reversed the trend in the interim.

Foul Trouble

Again the hoopsters were on the road, and this time they topped Tilden in a slow moving 44-36 contest. Jeff Melish led the team with 14 points. Our main trouble was (and still is) what to do about fouls that might spell defeat. The Generals, with native soil back beneath their feet, defeated Midwood by the impressive margin of 49 points. Melish, with 20 points, again was the leading scorer. The team as a whole sank 80% of its field goals.

Injury Hampers Berke

Brian Berke, our backcourt Co-Captain, who has been out with a foot injury, saw some action in the Midwood game and should be ready for Erasmus. Henry Togans has been used frequently this season and should be involved in many more clashes. Ron Louder, a 6'5" junior, has proven himself and might be called upon against Boys and Erasmus, especially if our foul trouble continues.

The Generals have shown that teamwork and hustle can produce victory. But, the real test is yet to come.

ALT-Men Begin Anew

By Barry Schnitzer

Apparently, the members of Wingate's track team have been heeding the warnings of Coach Don Altman, and the result has been that Coach Altman smiles when you ask him about the attitude of the team. He feels that, "only through more practice can better results be achieved."

Mr. Altman had warned that unless changes in attitude by the members of the team occurred he would punish the offenders. He dropped a few "stars" who thought they could take it easy, and he made the boys work harder. The message came across.

Coach Altman is now setting his sights on a good season, though Wayne Slater, one of the starters on the team is injured. He will probably miss the first meet, the Catholic High School Relay Tournament, where Wingate has entered the mile medley relay.

After the first meet, the full squad is expected to be ready for our next four matches, which are the Bishop Laughlin, Cardinal Hayes, St. Francis, and the Mayor's meets, in which our toughest competition figures to come from Boys' High and Jackson.

Good Nucleus

The nucleus of our team consists of Slater, Eddie Wilson, Rolando Campbell, Leslie Shelton, Ronald Hammond, and David Greaves. In addition, there are many other fine prospects in training.

Mr. Altman's aim is to qualify as many boys as possible for the very selective national meets at the end of the season. We have had boys in these events for the past few years, and nothing would please Coach Altman more than to continue our tradition in these tournaments.

Arista Outsmarted

By Ron A. Smith

The mighty bruisers of Fellowship, Wingate's answer to a high school football team, trounced Arista in a walloping 36-0 victory.

Arista's main achievement through the course of the game was when they won the toss of the coin and elected to receive. They lost the ball, however, on a blocked punt in the end zone, which was recovered by Fellowship's Steve Goldman. With the exception of two completed pass plays, thrown by Robert Sweetgall and Barry Berger, Arista was held in check for the entirety of the game. There was no penetrating Fellowship's overpowering defense, highlighted by three interceptions by Harry Mass. Alternating of quarterbacks was to no avail for the Henriettas.

Calling the plays in the Fellowship huddle was quarterback Harold Sachson. Highlighting the service organization's offense were sensational carries by fullback Mike Wolfson and halfback Ron Smith. Arista found no way in its books to stop the 200 pound Wolfson, who scored twice. Other scores were chalked up on a quarterback carry and two touchdown runs by Smith.

Congratulations are in order to Jules Tygiel, Steve Rothman, Fellowship's president, and the Boy Leader of Arista, Mark Seligman, who deserve entire credit in making all of the arrangements leading up to the playing of the game.

Arista has high hopes of evening up the score with Fellowship in a basketball game to take place at a later date.

Flash!

The Generals were slowed down by a 79-63 defeat at the hands of Erasmus. Wingate trailed by only one at the half, but a surge by Erasmus and our persistent fouls caused defeat.

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